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Draft declaration (rolling text 4 - informal) submitted by the Chairman contained in A/AC.240/1995/CRP.8

A. Proposal by India

Paragraph 5

Replace the sentence referring to the Security Council with the following:

In view of the substantial increase in the membership of the United Nations, especially of developing countries, as well as the important changes in international relations, the Security Council should, inter alia, be expanded, based on the principles of the sovereign equality of all Members of the United Nations, equitable geographical distribution and contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security as well as to the other purposes of the Organization. The working methods of the Council should continue to be reviewed in a way that further strengthens its capacity and effectiveness, enhances its representative character and improves its working efficiency and transparency. However, important differences on key issues relating to the above continue to exist.

B. Proposal by Belgium

Paragraph 6, subparagraph 3

Replace the subparagraph with the following:

Strongly support the right of self-determination of all peoples and continue to support appropriate United Nations action to effectively realize this right without prejudice to the principles of international law regarding political unity and the territorial integrity of States, bearing in mind the particular situation of peoples under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation.

C. Proposal by Canada

Paragraph 6, subparagraph 3

Replace the subparagraph with the following:

Strongly support the right of self-determination of all peoples, the realization of which shall not prejudice the principles of international law with respect to the political unity and territorial integrity of States, and bearing in mind the particular situation of peoples under all forms of alien domination or foreign occupation, support appropriate United Nations actions to assist them to effectively realize their right of self-determination.

D. Proposal by India

Paragraph 6, subparagraph 3

Replace the subparagraph with the following:

Reaffirm the right of self-determination of all peoples, in particular those under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation. The realization of this right shall not be construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States conducting themselves in compliance with the principles of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and thus possessed of a Government representing the whole people belonging to the territory without distinction of any kind.

E. Proposal by Palestine

Paragraph 6, subparagraph 3

Replace the subparagraph with the following:

Strongly support the right of self-determination of all peoples, the realization of which should not prejudice the principles of international law with regard to the territorial integrity of States and support appropriate United Nations actions to assist peoples under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation to effectively exercise their right to self-determination.

F. Proposal by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Paragraph 6, subparagraph 3

Replace the subparagraph with the following:

Continue to support appropriate United Nations action to assist peoples to exercise their right to self-determination in accordance with international law.

G. Proposal by the Syrian Arab Republic

Paragraph 6, subparagraph 4

After the word "manifestations", insert the following:

"... recognizing the right of peoples under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation to take any legitimate action in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations to realize their inalienable right of self-determination."

H. Proposal by the United States of America

Paragraph 11

Replace the paragraph with the following:

11. In response to these facts and circumstances, the United Nations has convened a number of specifically focused global conferences in the past five years. From these conferences, a consensus has emerged that economic development, social development and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development, which is the framework for our efforts to achieve a higher quality of life for all people. At the core of this consensus is the recognition that the human person is the central subject of development and

that people must be at the centre of our actions towards and concerns for sustainable development.

Paragraph 13

Replace the chapeau with the following:

13. In order to foster broad-based and sustained economic growth in the context of sustainable development, [(and thus to sustain social development and social justice),] and in fulfilment of the commitments we have made on international economic cooperation for development, we will:

Insert the word "sustainable" in each of the following subparagraphs:

subparagraph 1

after "... as critical conditions for"

subparagraph 4

after "... supportive international environment for"

subparagraph 6

after "... central to all efforts to achieve"